

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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STACEY MERCER,	:	
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Plaintiff,	:	
	:	1:19-cv-09654 (ALC)
-against-	:	
	:	<b><u>ORDER</u></b>
FRONT & THIRD, LLC,	:	
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Defendant.	:	
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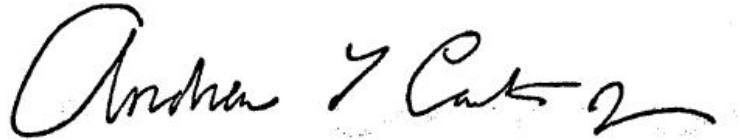
**ANDREW L. CARTER, JR., United States District Judge:**

The Court is in receipt of Daniel J. Pennessi's letter dated March 10, 2020 and Plaintiff's letter dated March 11, 2020. ECF Nos. 6-7. In Mr. Pennessi's letter and Notice of Appearance, Mr. Pennessi indicates he is a *pro se* litigant; he also states he is employed as "General Counsel for a Connecticut-based Real Estate Developer." ECF No. 7. Although in-house counsel may represent a corporate defendant, it is well settled that "a corporation cannot appear *pro se* in federal court." *Grace v. Bank Leumi Trust Co.*, 443 F.3d 180, 192 (2d Cir. 2006); *see also Hounddog Prods., L.L.C. v. Empire Film Grp., Inc.*, 767 F. Supp. 2d 480, 486 (S.D.N.Y. 2011). Accordingly, Defendant, as a corporate entity, may not appear *pro se* in this action and Mr. Pennessi's Notice of Appearance is defective. Should Defendant wish to have Mr. Pennessi represent it in this action, he must refile a Notice of Appearance on Defendant's behalf. Once an adequate Notice of Appearance is entered, Defendant may seek a pre-motion conference.

Plaintiff is directed to serve a copy of this Order on Defendant by **March 30, 2020**.  
Additionally, Plaintiff shall file proof of service on or before **April 1, 2020**.

**SO ORDERED.**

**Dated: March 25, 2020**  
**New York, New York**

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Andrew L. Carter, Jr." in a cursive style.

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**ANDREW L. CARTER, JR.**  
**United States District Judge**